THE FIRST SETTLER IN HILLSBORD DEVELOP A Bicgraphy of John McNeel By Eliz bath C. Sheet Good stitute John McNeel was born in Frederstate c ick county, Virginia, in 1745, and usual o passed much of his early life in Cumsurpas berland, Maryland. in the Mr. McNeel seemed to be fond of recent athletics and in a contest his antag-York, onist was badly injured. To avoid of We arrest and trial for murder he fled as the and followed the trend of the Allehighw ghenies. A long while was spent in Mr. the wilderness without much food. firm causing suffering of the mind and metro the shape his body was in cannot be busin imagined by any of us. Finally gomerg ing deeper and deeper into the Wil-Virgi derness, he came at last in view of anthr the Levels in 1765. In The place was covered mostly with clared progr

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